

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Conference Report on H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution.

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 38, Adjournment Resolution.

The House passed H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirty-seven bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 888–924, S.J. Res. 12, S. Res. 121, and S. Con. Res. 36–38.

(See next issue.)

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 108, designating the week of April 21 through April 27, 2003, as “National Cowboy Poetry Week”.

S. Res. 111, designating April 30, 2003, as “Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans”.

S.J. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

(See next issue.)

Measures Passed:

Smallpox Countermeasures Administration Compensation Act: Senate passed H.R. 1770, to provide benefits and other compensation for certain individuals with injuries resulting from administration of smallpox countermeasures, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

American 5-Cent Coin Design Continuity Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 258, to ensure continuity for the design of the 5-cent coin, establish the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Expressing Support for Patriots: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 37, expressing support for the celebra-

tion of Patriot’s Day and honoring the Nation’s first patriots.

(See next issue.)

Honoring the Life of Michael Kelly: Senate agreed to S. Res. 121, honoring the life of Washington Post columnist and Atlantic Monthly editor Michael Kelly, and expressing the deepest condolences of the Senate to his family on his death.

(See next issue.)

National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month: Senate passed S.J. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

(See next issue.)

National Cowboy Poetry Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 108, designating the week of April 21 through April 27, 2003, as “National Cowboy Poetry Week”.

(See next issue.)

Celebrating Young Americans: Senate agreed to S. Res. 111, designating April 30, 2003, as “Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans”.

(See next issue.)

Laborers’ International Union of North America 100th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 117, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Laborers’ International Union of North America, and congratulating members and officers of the Laborers’ International Union of North America for the union’s many achievements, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

(See next issue.)

Sununu (for Hatch) Amendment No. 531, in the nature of a substitute.

(See next issue.)

Blue Star Service Banner and the Gold Star: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 36, expressing the

sense of the Congress regarding the Blue Star Service Banner and the Gold Star. (See next issue.)

Blue Star Flag and the Gold Star: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 109, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Blue Star Flag and the Gold Star, and the resolution was then agreed to.

(See next issue.)

Birch Bayh Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse: Senate passed S. 763, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 46 East Ohio Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

(See next issue.)

Ted Weiss Federal Building: Senate passed H.R. 145, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as the "Ted Weiss Federal Building".

(See next issue.)

Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building: Senate passed S. 703, to designate the regional headquarters building for the National Park Service under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building".

(See next issue.)

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 38, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

(See next issue.)

Subsequently, if the House has not acted upon S. Con. Res. 38 (listed above), then the Senate will reconvene at 12 noon on Monday, April 14, 2003.

(See next issue.)

Congressional Budget Resolution Conference Report: By 51 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 134), Senate agreed to the conference report on H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S5266-93 (continued next issue)

Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached provided that when the Senate receives from the House the conference report to accompany H.R. 1559, making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and with the concurrence of the two Leaders, the conference report be agreed.

(See next issue.)

Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file executive and legislative reports

during the adjournment of the Senate on Thursday, April 24, 2003, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

(See next issue.)

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

(See next issue.)

Authorizing the Signing of Bills—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader, the Assistant Majority Leader, or Senator Warner, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

(See next issue.)

Nomination Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey S. Sutton, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2003.

(See next issue.)

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Florentino Subia, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2004. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

(See next issue.)

Frank B. Strickland, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2004. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

(See next issue.)

Michael McKay, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2004. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

(See next issue.)

Robert J. Dieter, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2005. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

(See next issue.)

John W. Nicholson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs.

Joseph LeBaron, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Reno L. Harnish, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Heather M. Hodges, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova.

Gregory W. Engle, of Colorado, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

Jay T. Snyder, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2004.

Harold C. Pachios, of Maine, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2005. (Reappointment)

Elizabeth F. Bagley, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2005.

Marie Sophia Aguirre, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2003.

Marie Sophia Aguirre, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2006. (Reappointment)

Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2003.

Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2006. (Reappointment)

Charles William Evers III, of Florida, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2003.

Charles William Evers III, of Florida, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring on July 1, 2006. (Reappointment)

Wayne E. Neill, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

Stephen D. Mull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania.

Ralph Frank, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.

William M. Bellamy, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya.

Helen R. Meagher La Lime, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Pamela J. H. Slutz, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

Stephen M. Young, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Herbert S. Garten, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2005. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.) (See next issue.)

Thomas R. Meites, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2004. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.) (See next issue.)

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

(See next issue.)

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Carlos T. Bea, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Jay Phillip Greene, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring November 17, 2005.

David Wesley Fleming, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring May 29, 2007.

John Richard Petrocik, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2008.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages From the House:

(See next issue.)

Enrolled Bills Presented:

(See next issue.)

Additional Cosponsors:

(See next issue.)

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

(See next issue.)

Additional Statements:

(See next issue.)

Amendments Submitted:

(See next issue.)

Authority for Committees to Meet: (See next issue.)

Privilege of the Floor: (See next issue.)

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—134) (See next issue.)

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 38, at 9:03 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, April 28, 2003. (If the House has not acted upon S. Con.

Res. 38, Adjournment Resolution, then the Senate will reconvene at 12 noon on Monday, April 14, 2003.) (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in the next issue of the Record.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: On Thursday, April 10, Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 521, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to extend the terms of leases of certain restricted Indian land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 522, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to assist Indian tribes in developing energy resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 523, to make technical corrections to law relating to Native Americans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 274, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, with amendments;

S. Res. 108, designating the week of April 21 through April 27, 2003, as "National Cowboy Poetry Week";

S. Res. 111, designating April 30, 2003, as "Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans"; and

S.J. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 59 public bills, H.R. 1766–1824; 3 private bills, H.R. 1825–1827; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 51–52; H. Con. Res. 151–152, and H. Res. 197–203, were introduced.

Pages H3351–54

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H3354–55

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 810, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide regulatory relief and contracting flexibility under the Medicare Program, amended (Rept. 108–74, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 197, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–75).

Pages H3350–51

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dreier to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H3307

Energy Policy Act: The House passed H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people by recorded vote of 247 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 145.

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Rejected the Dingell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with amendments that strike Division A, Energy and Commerce, title III Hydroelectric Energy and replace provisions dealing with hydroelectric licensing by recorded vote of 171 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 144.

Pages H3329–31

Agreed To:

Schakowsky amendment No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 108–69 that expresses the sense of Congress that the Department of Energy should develop and implement more stringent inventory and procurement controls, including controls on the purchase card program and the Department's Inspector General should continue to review purchase card and other procurement and inventory practices. On April 10 the amendment was debated, agreed to by voice vote, and a Tauzin request for a recorded vote was postponed. Today, an insufficient number of members rose to support the request for a recorded vote. The Chair announced that the ayes had prevailed by voice vote and the amendment was agreed to;

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Capps amendment No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 108–69 that strikes section 30220 that directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the

Secretary of Energy and key stakeholders, including coastal States and the oil and gas industry, to conduct a comprehensive inventory of oil and gas resources for areas beneath all of the United States waters of the Outer Continental Shelf; **Pages H3309–13**

Cantor amendment No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 108–69 that strikes section 42011 relating to the prepayment of premium liability for coal industry health benefits; and **Pages H3319–21**

Reynolds amendment No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 108–69 that expresses the Sense of Congress encouraging the prohibition of off-shore oil and gas drilling in the Great Lakes by the Great Lakes States and the Canadian Province of Ontario. **Pages H3321–23**

Rejected:

Kind amendment No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 108–69 that sought to strike Division C, Resources, Title II, Oil and Gas, relating to oil and gas development (rejected by recorded vote of 171 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 142); and

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Rahall amendment No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 108–69 that sought to strike Division C, Resources, Title VII, Coal Leasing Amendments that repeals the existing 160-acre limitation for coal leases (rejected by recorded vote of 208 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 143). **Pages H3316–19**

The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H3343**

H. Res. 189, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on April 10.

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader discussed the legislative program for the remainder of the week. **Page H3334**

Clean Diamond Trade Act: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1584, to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H3332–34**

Congratulating the University of Connecticut Huskies for Their NCAA Women's Basketball Championship: The House agreed to H. Res. 187, congratulating the University of Connecticut Huskies for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women's basketball championship. **Pages H3334–39**

Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 1770, to provide benefits and other compensation for certain individuals with injuries resulting from administration of smallpox countermeasures. The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. **Pages H3339–43**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:43 p.m. and reconvened at 6:46 p.m. **Page H3349**

Increasing the Debt Limit: The Chair announced that pursuant to rule XXVII, as a result of the adoption by the House and the Senate of the Conference Report on H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013, H.J. Res. 51, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt, has been engrossed and is deemed to have passed the House on April 11, 2003. **Page H3349**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H3307 and H3349.

Referrals: S. 538, was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, S. 783, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and S. 870 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. **Pages H3349–50**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3324, H3324–25, H3330–31, and H3331–32. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PAPERWORK REDUCTION—IS THE ADMINISTRATION DOING ENOUGH?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on “Mid-Term Report Card: Is the Bush Administration Doing Enough on Paperwork Reduction?” Testimony was heard from John D. Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Robert E. Wenzel, Acting Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; John D. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor; Victor S. Rezendes, Managing Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

TACTICAL AIRCRAFT PROGRAMS—CONTROLLING COSTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing on “Controlling Costs in Tactical Aircraft Programs.” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; from the following officials of the Department of Defense; Michael W. Wynne, Principal Deputy, Under Secretary (Acquisition); and Marvin Sambur,

Assistant Secretary, Air Force (Acquisition), Department of the Air Force; and public witnesses.

**SAME DAY CONSIDERATION—WARTIME
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
CONFERENCE REPORT**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The resolution applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of Saturday, April 12, 2003, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1559) making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 14 through April 19, 2003

Senate Chamber

Senate stands in adjournment until Monday, April, 28, 2003.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Committees

Committee on International Relations, April 16, hearing on Castro's Brutal Crackdown on Dissidents, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, April 28

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Saturday, April 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey S. Sutton, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

(If the House has not acted upon S. Con. Res. 38, Adjournment Resolution, then the Senate will reconvene at 12 noon on Monday, April 14, 2003.)

House Chamber

Program for Saturday: Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1559, Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations (subject to a rule).

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